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from escaping responsibility for it. I appreciate the comments of Senator Pedersen. I have visited with him and I fully agree that this problem is certainly exacerbated by excessive use of alcohol. And the bill attempts to address that problem, and if there's any additional measures that can be added to discourage the use of alcohol, particularly by students who are under age, we will certainly consider that. With those comments I would request that the Legislature advance LB 1129. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. You've heard the discussion. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1129 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 1129.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 1129 advances. We turn now to LB 1250.

CLERK: LB 1250, Madam President, a bill originally introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members. The Student Discipline Act is one that we heard a great deal of testimony and certainly positive testimony. And I will certainly be supporting it and have named it as my priority bill. At this time I will ask Senator Withem if he wants to open on the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR BOHLKE: All right...on the committee amendments, which strike the original sections, and basically, number one, clarify that a psychological evaluation is not necessary in every case where truancy remediation is required. That was a point that many people had indicated that they would like changed in the bill. And also provides that only material violations of the procedures, requirements of the discipline act will void actions taken. The third thing is remove references to action taken by school board, since, in the larger districts, as an example the Omaha Public Schools, disciplinary actions are taken by a school